



GAIL FARBER, Director

# COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

*"To Enrich Lives Through Effective and Caring Service"*

900 SOUTH FREMONT AVENUE  
ALHAMBRA, CALIFORNIA 91803-1331  
Telephone: (626) 458-5100  
<http://dpw.lacounty.gov>

ADDRESS ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO:  
P.O. BOX 1460  
ALHAMBRA, CALIFORNIA 91802-1460

IN REPLY PLEASE

REFER TO FILE: **C-1**

January 6, 2009

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**ACCEPTANCE OF PUBLIC WORKS CONTRACTS  
UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITIES OF  
LADERA HEIGHTS AND WALNUT PARK  
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 2)  
(3 VOTES)**

**SUBJECT**

This action is to accept completed public works construction contracts in the unincorporated communities of Ladera Heights and Walnut Park.

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:**

Accept completed contract work under the following construction contracts:

- Project ID No. RDC0014407/C.P. No. 86914 - Slauson Avenue - Phase I, to construct landscaping, hardscape, and irrigation, in the unincorporated community of Ladera Heights, America West Landscaping, Inc., with a final contract amount of \$480,405.08.
- Project ID No. RDC0014647 - Union Pacific Railroad Landscape Project, to furnish and plant vines, remove and replace chainlink fence, and construct an irrigation system, in the unincorporated community of Walnut Park, FS Construction, with a final contract amount of \$145,010.70.

### **PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

The purpose of the recommended action is to obtain your Board's acceptance of the work of the contract in compliance with the provisions of the Public Contract Code. Included in the attachments are project and contract data and the work of the contract to be accepted.

The projects have been completed, and it is recommended that your Board accept them on the date indicated in the attachments.

### **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs the provision of Service Excellence (Goal 1) and Community Services (Goal 6). Acceptance of these contracts completes the work to improve infrastructure and enhance the quality of life in the affected communities.

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

The total values of the contracts are \$145,010.70 and \$480,405.08.

Acceptance of the work of the respective contracts by your Board is in compliance with the acceptance and prompt payment provisions of the Public Contract Code.

Sufficient funds are available in the Board-approved appropriations for each of the respective projects to cover the total value of each of the contracts. Contract cost summaries are included in the attachments.

### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

Each of these contracts for the construction of public works improvements was awarded by your Board to the lowest responsible bidder in accordance with the California Public Contract Code, your Board's directives, and as recommended by the Director of Public Works.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

The original environmental findings for these projects were not changed.

### **CONTRACTING PROCESS**

Each contract provided that the contractor be compensated for changes in the work as a result of changes to the original plans and specifications or changed conditions encountered during the course of construction. The costs of these changes were based on contract unit prices, time and materials methods, or were negotiated under the provisions of the contract specifications. The methods for arriving at the final costs of the changes are included in the attachments.

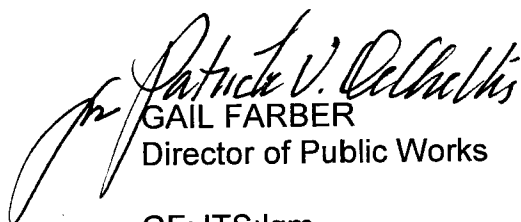
### **IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

Ratification of the requested changes and acceptance of the work of the contracts by your Board will ensure the timely closeout of the respective contracts, releasing Departmental and County assets for other construction-related activities.

### **CONCLUSION**

Please return one adopted copy of this letter to the Department of Public Works, Construction Division.

Respectfully submitted,



GAIL FARBER  
Director of Public Works

GF:JTS:lgm

Attachments (2)

c: Chief Executive Office (Lari Sheehan)  
County Counsel  
Office of Affirmative Action Compliance

ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT  
January 6, 2009

PROJECT ID NO. RDC0014407/C.P. NO. 86914 - SLAUSON AVENUE - PHASE I (in the unincorporated community of Ladera Heights), Supervisorial District 2

Contractor: America West Landscape, Inc., P.O. Box 1698, Bellflower, California 90707

Project Description:

Construction of landscaping, hardscape, irrigation, and other appurtenant work.

Project Completion Date:

The contractor completed the project on December 4, 2008, in accordance with the plans and specifications.

Final Contract Amount:

|  |                     |
|--|---------------------|
| Original contract amount   | \$406,624.28        |
| Actual costs of changes in work previously<br>approved by your Board | <u>73,780.80</u>    |
| FINAL CONTRACT AMOUNT  | <u>\$480,405.08</u> |

HHH:lgm

ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT  
January 6, 2009

PROJECT ID NO. RDC0014647 - UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD LANDSCAPE PROJECT (in the unincorporated community of Walnut Park), Supervisorial District 2

Contractor: FS Construction, 12850 Foothill Boulevard, Sylmar, California 91342

Project Description:

Furnishing and planting of vines, removal and replacement of chainlink fence, construction of an irrigation system, and other appurtenant work.

Project Completion Date:

The contractor completed the project on December 17, 2008, in accordance with the plans and specifications.

Final Contract Amount:

|  |                     |
|--|---------------------|
| Original contract amount   | \$117,596.00        |
| Actual cost of changes in work previously approved by your Board | <u>27,414.70</u>    |
| FINAL CONTRACT AMOUNT  | <u>\$145,010.70</u> |

HHH:en